

### **VALERYE BOYER-WELLS**

Twenty-six years after being named Female Athlete of the Year, Valerye Boyer-Wells, considered the greatest female sprinter in New Mexico history, is being inducted into the Hall of Fame. Her career best times include: 100 Meters 11.3, 200 Meters 23.3, 400 Meters 52.10 and 4 X 100 Meters Relay 44.30.

Born in Roswell and reared in Albuquerque, Boyer-Wells attended Wilson Jr. High and Manzano High School. At that time, the Duke City Dashers and Albuquerque Track Club had many young athletes and Boyer-Wells was one of them. She was also the Athlete of the Year for this Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame in 1977.

Boyer-Wells entered high school girls track and field just after Title IX. In 1976 her points alone earned Manzano 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the State Girls Track & Field Meet. She won the 50, 100, 220 yard dash and long jump. Coach Jim Ciccarello says Boyer-Wells is one of the finest athletes he's ever coached. Despite long hours of training, Val graduated in the top 20% of her MHS class. She held the records for 50, 100, 220, and 440 yard dash (before events changed to meters.)

In 1977 she qualified for the USA Track Team. At the Richmond, VA meet she broke the junior world 100 meter record (11.38 seconds). She also ran the winning 400 meter relay team and was honored as the most outstanding athlete in the USA/USSR Jr. Dual Track meet. In 1978 she ran the anchor leg for USA 4X100 meter relay team at the World Cup Championship. In 1976 and 1980 she qualified for the Olympic Trials.

At Arizona State University she was an All American 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980. Her 4X100 meter relay, at Arizona State won the National Championship.

Valerye, her husband and their four children live in Paradise Valley, Arizona. She returns to Albuquerque often to visit her mother, several sisters, and other relatives.